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SUBJECT: CENTO EXERCISE SHAHBAZ

REF: (A) STATE 296605 (DTGH062224Z DEC 76)(NOTAL),

(B) JCS 6259 (DTG 061613Z DEC 76)

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER CALLED ON
FOREIGN MINISTRY CENTO AFFAIRS OFFICER K. HAKTANIR, DEC. 9
REGARDING TURKISH GENERAL STAFF'S RESTRICTIONS ON U.S.
AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN TURKISH PHASE OF EXERCISE SHAHBAZ 1977.
POL/MILOFF LEFT "BOUT DE PAPIER"HWITH HAKTANIR DESCRIBING
PROBLEM WE HAVE WITH RESTRICTIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT, IF THERE
IS NO FLEXIBILITY IN TGS POSITION, U.S. AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE
TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM TURKISH PHASE.

2. HAKTANIR, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH TURKISH MISSION
TO NATO, SAID THAT HE IS FAMILIAR IN GENERAL TERMS WITH
MILITARY EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS BUT THAT HE WAS NOT
AWARE THAT TGS HAD IMPOSED ANY PARTICULAR RESTRICTIONS ON
EXERCISE SHAHBAZ. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT LIMITATIONS
SET FORTH BY TGS SEEMED SEVERE (ZSPECIALLY THE RESTRICTION
TO 15,000 FEET) AND THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP ISSUE WITH
TGS IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SHAHBAZ PLANNING CON-
FERENCE IS ALREADY UNDERWAY. HE PROMISED TO LET EMBASSY KNOW
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IF THERE IS ANY FLEXIBILITY IN TGS VIEWS.

3. U.S. ELEMENT TELLS US THAT TURKISH RESTRICTIONS MAY
COMZ UP IN PLANNING CONFERENCE ON DEC. 10HBUT, IN ANY CASE,
TURKS HAVE MORE THAN A WEEK LEFT IN WHICH TO MODIFY THEIR
STANCE.
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